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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
**Xia Xu, et al.**  
Application No.: **10/511,409**  
Filing Date: **October 13, 2004**  
For: **METHODS FOR SEPARATION AND DETECTION OF KETOSTEROIDS  
AND OTHER CARBONYL-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS**

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

In response to the Official Action dated **October 2, 2008**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.